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[FT001-F] Non-Family Members (1886-1896)

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This folder contains letters from non-family members dealing mainly with the purchase of goods and with charitable donations. Some items pertain to the financial needs of nonprofit and other institutions, including the Orange Free Library, the New Jersey Home and Training School for Feeble Minded Children, and church and hospital funds in Fort Myers, Brooklyn, and Newark. The six selected items include two letters from 1886 that were added to this folder in December 2011. One is by Stephen A. Emery of the New England Conservatory of Music, with whom Mina studied music while she was living in Boston; the other is by Elizabeth C. Allton, a former classmate at Miss Abby H. Johnson's Home and Day School for Young Ladies. The other selected letters relate to Edison's health, Marion Edison's French tutor, Mina Edison's charitable activities, and her $50,000 loan to Aultman, Miller & Co. of Akron, Ohio.

The following categories of documents have not been selected: correspondence pertaining to the purchase of household items, clothing, and domestic services; telegrams regarding the travel arrangements or the transmittal of documents; solicitations and acknowledgments of annual dues and charitable donations; requests for loans; letters concerning subscriptions for the Orange Methodist Episcopal Church.

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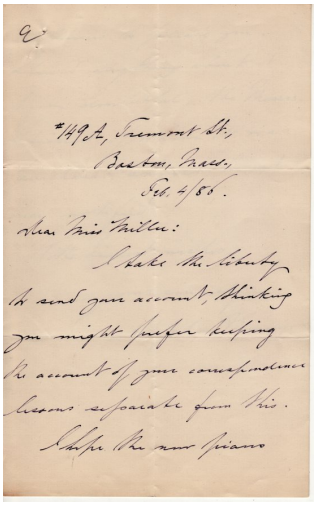

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[FT001A], Letter from Stephen Albert Emery to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, February 4th, 1886

Title
[FT001A], Letter from Stephen Albert Emery to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, February 4th, 1886

Author
Emery, Stephen Albert

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Date
1886-02-04

Type
Letter

Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- Music

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#149 A, Tremont St.,
Boston, Mass.,
Feb. 4/86.

Dear Miss Miller:

I take the liberty
to send you account, thinking
you might prefer keeping
the account of your correspondence
lessons separate from this.

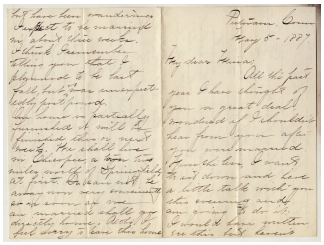
I hope the new piano

continues to please you.
Should anything about it
prove doubtful, the Messrs.
Steinert, of whom it was
purchased, should be at
once notified.

With kindest wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Stephen A. Emery.



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[FT001A1], Letter from Elizabeth Chandler Allton to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, May 5th, 1887

Title
[FT001A1], Letter from Elizabeth Chandler Allton to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, May 5th, 1887

Author
Allton, Elizabeth Chandler

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Johnson, Abby H
- Johnson's (Miss Abby H.) School for Young Ladies

Date
1887-05-05

Type
Letter

Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- Education

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but have been wandering. I expect to be married in about three weeks. I think I remember telling you that I planned to be last fall, but it was unexpectedly postponed. Our home is partially furnished it will be finished this or next week. We shall live in Chicopee, a town two miles north of Springfield at first. Dr. Dean will be away now very conveniently so as soon as we are married shall go directly home. At this I feel sorry to leave this home

Putnam, Conn.
May 5 - 1887.

My dear Nina;

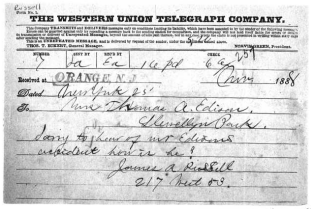
All the past year I have thought of you a great deal, wondered if I should not hear from you after you were married. From this on, I want to sit down and have a little talk with you this evening and am going to do it. I would have written ere this but haven't

know your address, in fact I do not now but will guess at it.
The past year has gone very quickly. I have been down to Boston quite a number of times. Have Whittlesey visited me last fall and he went down to-gether. Miss Johnson's annex makes quite an addition to her school. Mrs. & Miss Chadbourne have the care of twelve girls in the Kentucky. who dwell in 18. Did you know Miss Blanchard had left Miss Johnson? Tuesday I went down with my mama. Fannie Winslow got on at Howard and went into the city. I had a real nice chat with her. Was delighted to see her.
Do you hear from Lizzie Hastings often? I wish you would write me and tell me all about yourself. I dislike to lose my school friends and it did seem as tho' we knew each other pretty well.
I thought when I began this, that I should write out simply one subject

I am glad to go and help make a home for him I care for as my own life and who cares this same for me. I expect to be most truly happy. I sincerely hope I may hear from you.

Your friend always,

Elizabeth C. Allen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Received at ORANGE N J

Dated New York 21st

To Mrs Thomas A. Edison,

Llewellyn Park,

Sorry to hear of Mr Edisons accident how is he?

James A Russell

217 Mad Ave.

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[FT001AAA], Telegram from James A Russell to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, November 1888

Title
[FT001AAA], Telegram from James A Russell to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, November 1888

Editor's Notes
[from NYC] Sorry to hear of Mr Edisons accident how is he?

Author
Russell, James A

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned
Edison, Thomas Alva

Date
1888-11-00

Type
Telegram

Subject

- TAE health
- Health and safety

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Received at ORANGE, N. J. June 1888

Dated New York 25

To Mrs Thomas A. Edison,

Llewellyn Park.

Sorry to hear of mr Edisons accident how is he?

James A Rockhill

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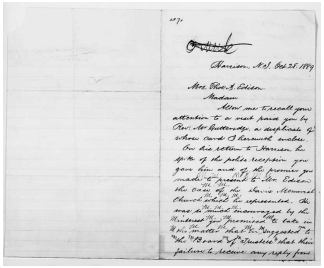

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[FT001AAB], Letter from George Noble to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, October 28th, 1889

Title
[FT001AAB], Letter from George Noble to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, October 28th, 1889

Editor's Notes
Allow me to recall your attention to a visit paid you by Rev. Mr. Gutteridge, a duplicate of whose card I herewith enclose. ## On his return to Harrison he spoke of the polite reception you gave him and of the promise you made to present to Mr. Edison the case of the Davis Memorial Church which he represented. He was so much encouraged by the interest you promised to take in the matter that he suggested to the Board of Trustees that their failure to receive any reply from Mr. Edison was much more likely to arise from oversight than from unwillingness to assist in a good cause. I have therefore been requested by said Trustee to say that they shall entertain the hope that Mr. Edison will regard their application favorably and remit to them through Mr. Gutteridge a subsciption in aid of said Davis Memorial Church. I am, Madam, Yours Most Obediently, George Noble Secretary

Author
Noble, George

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Davis Memorial Church (Harrison)
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Date
1889-10-28

Type
Letter

Subject

- Finances (TAE and family)
- Philanthropy, charity, fundraising

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Harrison, N.J. Oct. 28. 1889

Mrs. Thos. A. Edison.

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I am,

Madam,

Yours Most Obediently,

George Noble,

Secretary.

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[FT001AAC], Telegram from E De Mayer to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, September 1889

Title
[FT001AAC], Telegram from E De Mayer to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, September 1889

Editor's Notes
Note written in French on back of telegram form and attached is an English-language summary [transcribed by TEJ]: This is a letter from the Mother of the French Girl who came back to this country with the Edisons after the Paris Exposition. She was obviously a friend of Marion Edison. This letter asks if the offer of a three month visit in the U.S. was sincere. It seems that the French girl was to teach Mina Edison French. [Handwritten note at bottom:] "Name seems to be E. de Mayery" [actually the name is E. De Mayer; the flourish at the end of the "r" was misread by the translator or secretary as a "y."].

Author
De Mayer, E

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Exhibition. Paris Universal (1889)
- Edison, Marion Estelle

Date
1889-09-00

Type
Telegram

Subject

- Travel (TAE and family)
- Education

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Paris le Lundi matin

Madame,

Bien que je n'ai pas l'honneur de vous connaître le nom d'Edison ne m'est pas inconnu et j'ai été très heureuse de savoir l'amitié de ma fille pour Miss Edison.

Hier elle me dit que vous seriez très contente de l'emmener avec vous à New-York pour 2 ou 3 mois ou plus. Par le peu que j'ai entendu de vous Madame je sais que je puis vous confier absolument ma fille et tout en vous apprenant le français elle pourra elle-même apprendre l'anglais. Je vous serais très obligée de me dire si la chose est sérieuse et quand vous comptez partir? Je serais heureuse d'aller vous confier moi-même ma fille et de faire ainsi votre connaissance en attendant recevez

[ATTACHMENT]

TAE

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1889

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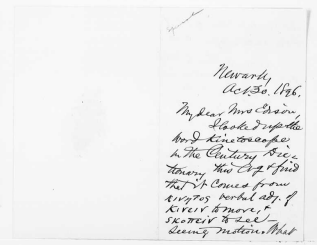

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[FT001AAD], Letter from G A Doane to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, October 30th, 1896

Title
[FT001AAD], Letter from G A Doane to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, October 30th, 1896

Author
Doane, G A

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned
Edison, Thomas Alva

Date
1896-10-30

Type
Letter

Subject
Peephole Kinetoscope

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Newark,
Oct. 30. 1896.

My dear Mrs Edison,

I looked up the word kinetoscope in the Century Dictionary this A.M. & find that it comes from κινητος verbal adj. of κινειν to move, & σκοπειν to see — seeing motion. What

wonderful things that
& the Vitascope are!

Again thank you
for your kind attention
to my niece & the
other friends who
accompanied me.
We shall long re-
member our pleasant
afternoon in the Labora-
tory & phonograph
works. With kind regards
to Mr Edison, Sam, my
dear Mrs Edison, yours
very truly
C. N. Doan,